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April 19, 2001

The Honourable P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Room 129, Legislative Building
REGINA, Saskatchewan
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Dear Sir:

I have the honour of submitting my *Report to the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan on the Financial Statements of Crown Agencies for Years Ending in the 2000 Calendar Year* in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Wendel, CMA, CA
Acting Provincial Auditor

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Purpose

The purpose of this Report is to inform the Legislative Assembly (Assembly) of our Office's views on the financial statements of Crown agencies whose accounts are audited by appointed auditors, for years ending in the calendar year ending December 31, 2000. This Report does not include our views on the financial statements of Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan (CIC), its subsidiaries, and other entities controlled by CIC. We provide our views on CIC, its subsidiaries, and other entities controlled by CIC to the Assembly in a separate report.

Background

The Assembly allows the Government to appoint auditors (appointed auditor) to examine and report on certain Crown agencies. The Provincial Auditor, however, retains overall responsibility for the audits of all Crown agencies.

In June 1994, the *Report of the Task Force on Roles, Responsibilities and Duties of Auditors* (Task Force) (to view a copy of this report, see our website at http://www.auditor.sk.ca/rrd.html) recommended how the audit system for CIC and its subsidiary Crown corporations could function more efficiently and effectively. In April 1995, Treasury Board decided that all Crown corporations and agencies should comply with the Task Force's recommendations. Our Office, Crown agencies, and appointed auditors use the Task Force's recommendations to better serve the needs of the Assembly.

To ensure the Assembly is informed of our Office's participation in the audits of Crown agencies, the Task Force recommended we provide to the Assembly a report listing those agencies in whose audits we participated.

The objectives of each audit, as agreed with the appointed auditors, are to form the following opinions and to report the results to the Assembly.

- An opinion on the rules and procedures used by the agency to safeguard and control its assets and to ensure compliance with authorities pertaining to it. The audit is limited to those authorities

relating to financial reporting, safeguarding assets, revenue raising, spending, borrowing, and investing activities.

- An opinion on the agency's compliance with those authorities.
- An opinion on the reliability of the agency's financial statements.

Our 2000 Fall Report – Volume 3 reported the results of these audits for audits completed by November 27, 2000. We will report the results of the remaining audits in 2001. The appointed auditors' reports on the reliability of Crown agencies' financial statements are attached to the agencies' financial statements.

The Government's summary financial statements include the financial results of all Crown agencies controlled by the Government. *Public Accounts 1999-2000: Volume 1: Main Financial Statements* includes my auditor's report on the Government's statements for the year ended March 31, 2000.

Results

We participated in all audits of Crown agencies, except as noted below.

- SaskPen Properties Ltd. and SP Two Properties Ltd. did not allow our Office to participate in the audits of these agencies.
- We did not participate in the audits of Saskatchewan Alfalfa Seed Producers' Development Commission, Saskatchewan Broiler Hatching Egg Producers' Marketing Board, Chicken Farmers of Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan Egg Producers, Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission, Saskatchewan Pulse Crop Development Board, Saskatchewan Sheep Development Board, and Saskatchewan Turkey Producers' Marketing Board. In 1999, the Department of Agriculture and Food and our Office agreed that the most efficient way for our Office to examine these smaller agricultural marketing and development agencies would be to work through the Agricultural and Food Products Development and Marketing Council (Council). As part of our audit of the Department of Agriculture and Food, we examine the supervisory work carried out by the Council regarding the financial statements

of these agencies and the rules and procedures to safeguard and control their assets and to comply with legislative authorities.

- We did not participate in the audit of the Saskatchewan Trade and Export Partnership Inc. (STEP). In 1999, the Department of Economic and Co-operative Development and our Office agreed, as part of the annual audit of the Department, that we would examine the supervisory work carried out by the Department over the STEP.

- In previous reports to the Assembly, we reported that when the basic financial management issues are in hand, we would rotate our financial audits of district health boards, i.e., we would not audit every district health board each year. Many districts now have sound financial systems. Accordingly, we only participated in the audits of nine of the thirty-one district health boards.

- We participated in the audits of three of the nine regional colleges.

In our opinion, for all audits we participated in and completed our work by the date of this Report, the financial statements are reliable, except for:

- Saskatchewan Agricultural Stabilization Fund (Fund). The Fund's financial statements are not reliable because the Fund did not properly record transfers from the General Revenue Fund. For further information on this issue, see Chapter 13 of our 2000 Spring Report.

The following table lists all Crown agencies whose accounts are audited by appointed auditors, names the appointed auditor, sets out the agency's year end, shows if we participated in the audit of the agency, and sets out if we think the agency's financial statements are reliable.

Our 2000 Fall Report – Volume 3 reported on the rules and procedures used by Crown agencies to safeguard and control their assets and the agencies' compliance with authorities for audits completed by November 27, 2000. We will report the results of the remaining audits in 2001.

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Crown Agency	Appointed Auditor	Year End Date	Participated in Audit	Financial Statements are Reliable
Agricultural Credit Corporation of Saskatchewan	PricewaterhouseCoopers	March 31, 2000	Yes	Yes
Assiniboine Valley District Health Board	Parker Quine	March 31, 2000	No	N/A
Associated Entities Fund	KPMG	March 31, 2000	Yes	Yes
Battlefords District Health Board	Eaket Menssa Baert Cameron	March 31, 2000	Yes	Yes
Carlton Trail Regional College	E.J.C. Dudley & Co.	June 30, 2000	Yes	Yes
Central Plains District Health Board	Ernst & Young	March 31, 2000	Yes	Yes
Crop Reinsurance Fund of Saskatchewan	KPMG	March 31, 2000	Yes	Yes
Cumberland Regional College	Neumann & Neumann	June 30, 2000	No	N/A
Cypress Hills Regional College	Stark & Marsh	June 30, 2000	No	N/A
East Central District Health Board	Parker Quine	March 31, 2000	Yes	Yes
First Nations Fund	KPMG	March 31, 2000	Yes	Yes
Gabriel Springs District Health Board	Twigg & Company	March 31, 2000	No	N/A
Greenhead District Health Board	Close Perkins & Hauta	March 31, 2000	No	N/A
Keewatin Yathe District Health Board	Ernst & Young	March 31, 2000	Yes	Yes
Living Sky District Health Board	Meyers Norris Penny	March 31, 2000	No	N/A
Lloydminster District Health Board	Wilkinson Livingston Stevens	March 31, 2000	No	N/A
Mamawetan Churchill River District Health Board	Peterson & Reinhardt	March 31, 2000	Yes	Yes
Midwest District Health Board	KPMG	March 31, 2000	No	N/A
Moose Jaw-Thunder Creek District Health Board	Robert A. Tiede, CA	March 31, 2000	No	N/A
Moose Mountain District Health Board	Meyers Norris Penny	March 31, 2000	Yes	Yes
Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan	E.J.C. Dudley & Co.	December 31, 2000	Yes	Yes
Municipal Employees' Pension Commission	KPMG	December 31, 2000	Yes	Yes
North Central District Health Board	Meyers Norris Penny	March 31, 2000	No	N/A
North-East District Health Board	Deloitte & Touche	March 31, 2000	Yes	Yes
Northlands College	Meyers Noris Penny	June 30, 2000	Yes	Yes
North Valley District Health Board	Skilnick Robertson Besler Miller & Co.	March 31, 2000	No	N/A
Northwest District Health Board	Ernst & Young	March 31, 2000	No	N/A
North West Regional College	Downie, Johnson, Svenkeson	June 30, 2000	No	N/A
Parkland District Health Board	Deloitte & Touche	March 31, 2000	No	N/A
Parkland Regional College	Skilnick Robertson Besler Miller & Co.	June 30, 2000	No	N/A

Crown Agency	Appointed Auditor	Year End Date	Participated in Audit	Financial Statements are Reliable
Pasquia District Health Board	Neumann & Neumann	March 31, 2000	No	N/A
Pipestone District Health Board	Meyers Norris Penny	March 31, 2000	No	N/A
Prairie West District Health Board	Close Perkins & Hauta	March 31, 2000	No	N/A
Prairie West Regional College	Gilchrist & Co.	June 30, 2000	No	N/A
Prince Albert District Health Board	Meyers Norris Penny	March 31, 2000	No	N/A
Public Employees' Pension Plan	KPMG	March 31, 2000	Yes	Yes
Rolling Hills District Health Board	Stark & Marsh	March 31, 2000	No	N/A
Saskatchewan Agricultural Stabilization Fund	KPMG	March 31, 2000	Yes	No
Saskatchewan Auto Fund	KPMG	December 31, 2000	Yes	Yes
Saskatchewan Alfalfa Seed Producers' Development Commission	Hergott Duval Stack & Partners	July 31, 2000	No	N/A
Saskatchewan Broiler Hatching Egg Producers' Marketing Board	Curtis Hepting, CMA	December 31, 2000	No	N/A
Chicken Farmers of Saskatchewan	PricewaterhouseCoopers	December 31, 2000	No	N/A
Saskatchewan Egg Producers	E. J.C. Dudley & Co.	December 31, 2000	No	N/A
Saskatchewan Communications Network Corporation	Hill McKillop Orr & Company	March 31, 2000	Yes	Yes
Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation	KPMG	March 31, 2000	Yes	Yes
Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission	Merv Culham, CA	July 31, 2000	No	N/A
Saskatchewan Grain Car Corporation	Skilnick Robertson Besler Miller & Co.	July 31, 2000	Yes	Yes
Saskatchewan Housing Corporation	KPMG	December 31, 2000	Yes	Yes
Saskatchewan Indian Regional College	KPMG	June 30, 2000	No	N/A
Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture, and Recreation	KPMG	March 31, 2000	Yes	Yes
Saskatchewan Pension Plan	Ernst & Young	December 31, 2000	Yes	Yes
Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation	Ernst & Young	March 31, 2000	Yes	Yes
Saskatchewan Pulse Crop Development Board	Hergott, Duvall, Stack & Partners	August 31, 2000	No	N/A
Saskatchewan Sheep Development Board	Lorne Horning, CA	September 30, 2000	No	N/A
Saskatchewan Trade & Export Partnership Inc.	KPMG	March 31, 2000	No	N/A
Saskatchewan Turkey Producers' Marketing Board	Hergott Duval Stack & Partners	December 31, 2000	No	N/A
Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation	PricewaterhouseCoopers	March 31, 2000	Yes	Yes
Saskatoon District Health Board	KPMG	March 31, 2000	Yes	Yes

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SaskPen Properties Ltd.	Deloitte & Touche	December 31, 2000	No	N/A
Sask Pork	Deloitte & Touche	December 31, 2000	Yes	**
South Central District Health Board	Meyers Norris Penny	March 31, 2000	No	N/A
South Country District Health Board	Stark & Marsh	March 31, 2000	No	N/A
South East District Health Board	Matchett, Potts & Seipp	March 31, 2000	No	N/A
Southeast Regional College	Hillstead, Melanson Accounting & Tax Services	June 30, 2000	Yes	Yes
Southwest District Health Board	Stark & Marsh	March 31, 2000	Yes	Yes
SP Two Properties Ltd.	Deloitte & Touche	March 31, 2000	No	N/A
Swift Current District Health Board	Stark & Marsh	March 31, 2000	No	N/A
Touchwood Qu'Appelle District Health Board	Mintz & Wallace	March 31, 2000	No	N/A
Twin Rivers District Health Board	Wilkinson Livingston Stevens	March 31, 2000	No	N/A
Workers' Compensation Board *	Deloitte & Touche	December 31, 1999	Yes	Yes
Workers' Compensation Board	Deloitte & Touche	December 31, 2000	Yes	Yes
Workers' Compensation Board Superannuation Plan	Deloitte & Touche	December 31, 2000	Yes	Yes

* The audit is included in this schedule because the audit was not finished in time for last year's Report.
** Audit of financial statements not finished at the date of this Report.